**Armero Poem Assignment**

We have read 2 genres of writing about the Armero Tragedy. They have different purposes, but a similar theme.

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| **Genre: A Short Story** | **Genre: A News Article** | **Genre: Poem (written by you)** |
| “And of Clay Are We Created” | “Ill-Equipped Rescuers Dig Out Volcano Victims; Aid Slow to Reach Colombian Town” | ? |
| **Purpose**: To tell us a good story and teach us about life | **Purpose**: To inform us about factual events | **Purpose**: Inspire emotions ? |
| **THEME:**  “Sometimes horrible things happen, but we must face them and accept that we cannot always save everyone. It is still important to value human life and care for other people who are suffering.” | | |

**Assignment:**

* Write something about the Armero Tragedy in another genre. That is, a poem.
* The poem should have a similar theme (see above) as the story and article.
* Decide what the **purpose** of your poem will be.And **write it at the top of the page**. Some possible ideas:
  + Make the audience feel sad for the people that died
  + Make the audience feel sad for Omayra Sanchez
  + Make the audience feel good about those that tried hard to save people
  + Make the audience angry at the government or other countries’ governments for not helping enough.
  + Make the audience angry at the reporters for doing so much reporting and so little helping
  + Inspire the audience to pay more attention to the warnings of scientists
  + Inspire the audience to give money to disaster relief
  + Other ideas?
* The song must have at least 24 lines of verse (6 stanzas of 4 lines), each with about 8-10 syllables.
  + Write 4 line stanzas. The 2nd and 4th lines should rhyme.
    - Example:

With a quaking boom, the mountain melted,

Mud ran like a river down its **side. (rhyme)**

The people were swimming desperately

But most couldn’t make it, and they **died**. **(rhyme)**

**Marks:**

Poem is written with proper conventions (20 lines in stanzas of 4 with rhymes) **Conventions /20**

Poem expresses a theme and has a clear purpose **Writing /10**